

## WHO MAKETH THEE TO DIFFER

"FOR WHO MAKETH THEE TO DIFFER FROM ANOTHER? AND WHAT HAST THOU THAT THOU DIDST NOT RECEIVE? NOW IF THOU DIDST RECEIVE IT, WHY DOST THOU GLORY, AS IF THOU HADST NOT RECEIVED IT?" (1 COR 4:7)

Are you not thankful that it is the Lord that makes us to differ? How so? Beloved, in His good providence and purpose our *good and ready to forgive* God sends us His *man*, who preaches His *message*. Using His *means* and according to God's good pleasure, He reveals His darling Son not merely *to us* but ever so blessedly *in us* [Gal 1:15, Rom 5:5, Acts 8:35]. We read in God's only holy book, the Bible, that while *"the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God."* Indeed, *"it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe"* (1 Cor 1:18, 21).

Away with that form of carnal thinking that blames unbelief on a lack of so called evidence, or pegs the blame of unbelief to a carnal lie. Beloved, we know the reason we believe the Truth is very simply this *"you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins"* and by His grace, being everlastingly His sheep, we believe and do indeed hear and follow after Him. You see beloved, your faith does not stand by the wisdom of men, but rather does so by the power of God [1 Cor 2:5].

Why do we believe the scriptures are they which testify of Him? [John 5:39] Very simply this — we believe on Him — He is the One who has revealed these things to us — that truly He is the Son of God, the One sent of the Father, and it is He, *in whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day*" (2 Timothy 1:12). You see, the reason why you believe sinner, is because you are no-longer spiritually dead, but have been granted everlasting life. Indeed, *we know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.* May the LORD be pleased to grant both the reader and writer to know more of His love, love for His Son and love for the brethren. — PASTOR

### CALENDAR 2019 / 2020

#### UP COMING EVENTS

**Fellowship Luncheon** **Dec 1st**

**Grace Conference** **Feb 21, 22, 23**  
**Donnie Bell, Don Fortner**

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

**bookshelf.sovereigngrace.us**  
**Useless Kinds of Religion, J.C. Ryle**  
**Spiritual Autobiography, Joseph Hart**  
**Prodigal Blessing Joseph Hart, J.A. Kingham**  
*"Prove all things..." / "Examinadlo todo..."*

**librero.iglesiadegracia.us**  
**Artículos de Gracia 2018, Joseph D Murphy**  
**Las ovejas oyen la Voz, Cody Groover**  
**Inmundo o Santo, Joseph D Murphy**

If the Lord puts it on your heart, visit us and *"Come and see"* / Si el Señor quiere, *"Ven y ve"*

...Alleluia: for the Lord God  
omnipotent reigneth! (REVELATION 19:6)



### WELCOME

Sinners are welcome at our church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an *imperfect* church, with an *imperfect* pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the *perfect* gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name JESUS for HE SHALL (not might, not maybe) rather HE SHALL save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it — you are *complete in Him*, saved to the uttermost.

*"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"* **JOSEPH D MURPHY, PASTOR**  
sinner@sovereigngrace.us | (832) 995-7925

**Sunday, 10 AM**  
**1 TIMOTHY**  
ENGLISH

**Sunday, 11 AM**  
**PSALMS**  
ENGLISH

**Domingo, 6 PM**  
**ROMANOS**  
ESPAÑOL

**Wednesday, 7 PM**  
**1 CORINTHIANS**  
ENGLISH

### SERVICE TIMES

#### ENGLISH

**Bible Classes** **Sun, 10 AM**  
**Worship Service** **Sun, 11 AM**  
**Bible Study** **Wed, 7 PM**

#### ESPAÑOL

**Servicio de Adoración** **Dom, 6 PM**

### AUDIO PODCASTS

#### AVAILABLE ON ITUNES AND GOOGLE PLAY

**Purposed Grace Sermons**  
**Purposed Grace Articles**

#### DISPONIBLE EN ITUNES Y GOOGLE PLAY

**Propósito y Gracia, Sermones**  
**Propósito y Gracia, Artículos**

NURSERY AVAILABLE FOR 4 YEARS OLD AND YOUNGER / GUARDERÍA DISPONIBLE

### RECENT PODCASTS

#### RECENT SERMONS

**Trust in the Lord (PSALM 71)**  
**The God of Peace (ROMANS 16:17-20)**  
**God Will Save His People (PSALM 69:1-36)**

#### SERMONES RECIENTES

**Justificado por Fe** (ROM 3:24)  
**Cristo vino para salvar...** (1 TIM 1:15)  
**Nacimiento Nuevo** (JUAN 3:7)

We are situated 1 mile south of the Denny's Restaurant located right by the corner of US Highway 59 and State Highway 242.

Show up early and have a cup of coffee with us! 9:30 & 10:30 AM



## LISTEN!

“...WE KNOW THAT ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD TO THEM THAT LOVE GOD, TO THEM WHO ARE THE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE” ... “...ALLELUIA: FOR THE LORD GOD OMNIPOTENT REIGNETH” (ROMANS 8:28, REVELATION 19:6)

How sad and sickened at heart the Christian often becomes in consideration of the sinfulness and wickedness by which he is surrounded in his daily contact with the world, and when he thinks of the blessings that a gracious God has long showered upon his beloved country, and the ungrateful return that is being made by multitudes of his fellow-creatures! He exclaims, *“Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness to the children of men!”* (Psalm 107:8,15,21,31) When he considers, again, of how a bare profession of religion is increasingly taking the place of vital godliness, and of how Christ is dishonored by the introduction of all manner of false doctrines, he gets into the spirit of the prophet when he cried, *“Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!”* (Jeremiah 9:1) And he argues, “Surely the Lord must visit for these things? surely He will be avenged of such a nation as this for their ungodliness and vanity? Oh, will He not remove the candlestick out of its place? Will He not withdraw His blessing from our land, and cause [the United States] to lose her prestige among the nations of the earth?” But then comes, above the troubled waves of thought upon this matter, a still small voice from the archives of heaven. Listen to it! for it says, *“The Lord God omnipotent reigneth.”* Ah, yes; so He does. He will overrule all for His people’s good — He will do all that is right. But then, again, the Christian looks from that which is without to that which is within; and, when he thinks of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, and of how often he acts unbecomingly, exhibiting anything but the Spirit of Christ, he is apt to write bitter things against himself — to doubt whether it can be possible that he can lay claim to be a child of God. But there comes, amidst all such agitation, the hush of divine grace, and the Word asks him, *“Is any thing too hard for the LORD?”* (Genesis 18:14, Jeremiah 32:27) Is there not all power with Him? What hast thou to fear from the temptations of Satan, while *“the Lord God omnipotent reigneth?”* Then, again, when the Christian reflects upon the difficulties of his pathway, the perplexing things that ever and [soon] are rising to make him feel, *“This Journey is too great for me; I shall certainly one day sink by the way, and make shipwreck of faith”*— ah! above and over all the details, drudgery, and difficulties of his life, there stands out, in the clear sky of God’s unchanging faithfulness, this writing of truth: *“The Lord God omnipotent reigneth.”* He is ruling all, appointing all and will bring [His people] through all; for, as He is omnipotent to save, so He is omnipotent to succour and support [them] by the way, as well as to secure [them to] the promised home and rest.

But, again, how sad are the bereavements we have to encounter by the way! A dear one is laid low upon the bed of suffering; we cry in our agony, “We cannot part with that one;

life will be a burden and [vacant] without that loved companion of our days. Oh, spare! oh, restore!” But it does not please the Lord to hear our prayers; it is a sickness unto death. Every human help is sought and given, but all in vain; and the desire of our eyes sinks before us, and passes away. We follow the dear remains to the grave; we look with tearful gaze upon the familiar name upon the coffin-plate; we think we shall never be happy again. And yet, amidst all the gloom and sinkings of heart that accompany such a sorrow, oh, listen! for there is still the sweet voice of divine truth reminding the bereaved one that *“the Lord God omnipotent reigneth,”* that “Jesus abides when all else fails.” As a dear saint, a few days before his death, said to a friend who was with him, “It is all right; the covenant is sure.” [2 Samuel 23:5].

The preciousness, then, of this declaration is especially felt in connexion with the burdens and trials of the way; and it is sweet and consoling to look up and feel, *“The Lord God omnipotent reigneth.”* Burdens there will be of various kinds — some the result of the curse, which has brought upon the body disease, decay, and death, very often reminding us that we are of the earth, earthy; at other times the burden of conscious guilt on account of sin. It is this that made Isaiah say, *“Woe is me! I am a man of unclean lips;”* (Isaiah 6:5) and Job declare, *“I have heard of Thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth Thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes,”* (Job 42:5-6) and Peter cry, *“Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord”* (Luke 5:8). Then, again, there is the burden of spiritual desertion. The Lord has sweetly manifested Himself as He doth not unto the world; the communications of His love have been precious and felt; union has been realized and enjoyed: but there comes a darkness and deadness over the soul, and we lose the sense of the sweetness of Jesus, and are sad. A very heavy trial this to the child of God who has had sweet views of his dear Lord. Well, now, at all such times — be the burden what it may — listen! — *“The Lord God omnipotent reigneth,”* and “earth hath no sorrow that heaven cannot bear.” Sometimes, it is true, the Lord will even add to them, for He has gracious ends to accomplish; but, even if it please Him so to do, He has promised to give grace sufficient to bear it. There is no storm we have to encounter on the voyage home, but there is a refuge provided; no fire we have to pass through, but the Lord will prevent from destroying us; no waves that will be sufficiently powerful to engulf us, for underneath are His everlasting arms; no burden to bear but what is under it, we are encouraged to lay hold of the omnipotent strength; and, though there may be much that we meet with hard to bear and difficult to understand, yet He is saying to us, *“What I do now, thou knowest not, but thou shalt know here after”*. It will be all cleared up by-and-bye. Tis ours to believe in His unerring wisdom, and cast our every care upon Him. — **COPIED**